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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NPIC 5-Year Plan FY-72/76, dated January 1970

1. This memo records points of possible concern to TSSG/RED which appear in the subject 5-year plan.

2. Part I. Introduction. Page 2, Para. 2. This paragraph indicates that no changes in positions or program elements for which funding increases are less than 3% will be discussed.

Page 2. Last para. Cites policy limitation of RD&E funding to current levels (excluding EOI) throughout the planning period. Present level is approximately [] maximum EOI level is [] resulting in net max RD&E Budget of approximately [] Actual max currently programmed is [] for FY-73/75 including [] for EOI. 25X1
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Page 3. Last para. RD&E contracts account for 19% of Center budget--RD&E personnel for 4% of Center budget.

3. Part II. Center Objectives. Page 7. RD&E objectives stale--need rework.

4. Part III. Assumptions. Page 8. Assumptions appear for multi-sensor and color imagery exploitation, but exclude SAIT and EOI considerations. Assumption No. 6 is an unusual statement that the RD&E will continue.

5. Part IV. Accomplishments CY1969. Page 16. The write-up refers the reader to Section XII and adds two small achievement descriptions. Our accomplishments are too hard to find in Section XII. A separate hard-hitting write-up should be included here. We should insist on it through Ex.Dir. if necessary.

6. Part V. Position Changes. Page 17. The CIA position level of 43 for RD&E management will be held constant from FY-70 through FY-76. At the time RED compiled its inputs for the five year plan the following additional slots were requested as crucial:

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- (1) GS-14 Supr Photo-Technologist
- (2) GS-14 Electro-Optical Physicist
- (1) GS-13/14 Physical Scientist (EE)
- (4) ADP (R&D Support) on ADP Annex
- (1) GS-13 Photo-Scientist
- (2) GS-13 Electro Optical Engineers
- (1) GS-13 Psychologist
- (1) GS-06 Secretary-Steno

7. Part VII. Imagery Services Program Element Changes. Page 27. Para. 3, "supplies for both (color photography and dry-silver) are more expensive than those for present black and white operations." This may be true at the present stage of development but my last information on the subject indicated normal production costs of the dry silver material would be approximately the same as silver halide films without the additional costs of the processing materials.

8. Part IX. RD&E Management Support Program Element. Page 29. This paragraph indicates that neither the CIA position level nor the funding level changes more than "± 3%" throughout the planning period. It also states, "because the program is neither new nor modified and there are no significant changes in program activities, no discussion is included in this plan for RD&E management support."

This is the section in which increases in travel costs should have appeared as well as the decreases in the Miscellaneous Services contracts Object Class 25. Also impacts such as color and EOI should have been discussed.

9. Part XI. ADP Annex. The work of [] is not utilized here^{25x1}. The discussion implies that new programming techniques will provide AID with the capability to serve pattern recognition, digital image manipulation, etc. Their capacity will be achieved through Fastrands and possibly 5 "small" dedicated computers. In FY-76 the entire system will be replaced by equipment that will rent for [] per year. No further ^{25x1} adaptation to technological support requirements is indicated.

10. Part XII. RD&E Program Plan. The characteristics of this part have been commented on previously. The following comments regarding the Imagery Interpretation Research category are typical:

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Highly abridged and regrouped. Statements from Plans are shifted to Objectives, etc. Items not mentioned include automation, line-scan, collateral presentation, assessment of image quality, etc. "Human engineering" erroneously associated with color.

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